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1. SUMMARY. NOW CLANDESTINE EXTREME RIGHT PATRIA Y
LIBERTAD ALLEGEDLY THREATENED VIOLENCE JULY 17 AGAINST
INVESTIGACIONES POLICE (NON-UNIFORMED FBI-LIKE ORGANIZATION)
UNLESS ALL PYL DETAINEES RELEASED OR TURNED OVER TO COURTS BY
6 P.M. SAME DAY. POLICE
STAGED UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH FOR PYL LEADER ROBERTO THIEME.
GOVT CONTINUES TO CALL FOR DIALOGUE WITH OPPOSITION SPONSORS NEW
LEGISLATION FOR MILITARY BONUS, AND NAMES NEW CARABINERO
SUBDIRECTOR. END SUMMARY.

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2. INVESTIGACIONES POLICE STAGED LARGE-SCALE SEARCH FOR PATRIA Y LIBERTAD LEADER ROBERTO THIEME EVENING JULY 16 AND MORNING JULY 17 AFTER HIS SURPRISE PRESS CONFERENCE (REF A), WITHOUT RESULT. LEAFLETS, ATTRIBUTED BY PRESS TO PYL, APPEARED IN DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO SAME DAY ACCUSING INVESTIGACIONES OF "ATROCITIES" AND DEMANDING IMMEDIATE RELEASE OR COURT APPEARANCES FOR ALL PYL DETAINEES. LEAFLET THREATENED INVESTIGACIONES PERSONNEL WITH ASSASSINATION IF DEMANDS NOT MET BY 6 P.M. SAME DAY.

3. PYL MEMBERS CONTINUE TO SEEK ASYLUM. LATEST CASE THAT OF INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS LUIS POBLETE MOORE WHO CURRENTLY IMPOSING UPON HOSPITALITY OF COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR. GOVT GRANTED TWO SAFECONDUCTS JULY 17, ONE TO LT. COL. SOUPER'S BROTHER (TO PARAGUAY) AND THE OTHER TO DR. EDUARDO KREYMER (TO BRAZIL). STILL PENDING ARE SAFECONDUCTS FOR GASSET BROTHERS, ONE A LIEUTENANT ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN MILITARY SIDE OF JUNE 290 COUP ATTEMPT, BOTH OF WHOME STILL IN PARAGUAYAN EMBASSY.

4. ON OTHER FRINGE, EXTREMIST LEFT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MIR) MEMBERS ARRESTED IN CONCEPCION FOR DISTRIBUTING INFLAMMATORY LITERATURE NEAR ARMY BARRACKS WERE RELEASED JULY 17 (REF B). OPPOSITION MEDIA MAKING MUCH OF MIR POSTERS, WHICH APPEARED YESTERDAY ON WALLS NEAR SANTIAGO MILITARY GARRISONS, URGING SOLDIERS NOT TO OBEY OFFICERS WHO ATTEMPT TO LEAD THEM INTO COUPS.

4. ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES JOINED IN JULY 17 STATEMENT CONDEMNING PYL MOVE INTO CLANDESTINITY AND ITS PROMISE OF

VIOLENCE AS ANTITHETICAL TO OPPOSITION'S DEMOCRATIC BELIEFS AND GOALS. STATEMENT ALSO CRITICIZED MOVE FOR GIVING GOVT OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY ROLE, DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, OF AGGRIEVED VICTIM OF VIOLENT CONSPIRACY. CONSPIRACY THEME BEING PLAYED HARD BY UP PRESS. IN MONUMENTAL EXERCISE JULY 18 EL SIGLO (COMMUNIST) TIED PYL, CIA, AND GOVT OF BRAZIL TOGETHER IN A PLOT WHICH WOULD PROMOTE INTERNAL CHILEAN DISORDER SO THAT "BOLIVIAN TROOPS ARMED BY U.S. AND BRAZIL COULD ENTER COUNTRY AND STEAL RICH NORTHERN PROVINCES (RESOURCES OF) WHICH WOULD THUS REVERT TO NORTH AMERICAN HANDS." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. IN BACKGROUND OF CONTINUED FOCUS ON EXTREMISM, GOVT CONTINUES TO PLAY ROLE OF DOVE OF PEACE. IN JULY 17 PRESS CONFERENCE MINISTERS CALLED ONCE AGAIN FOR DIALOGUE CITING CARDINAL'S CALL FOR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY AS BASIS (REF A). MINISTERS DISCARDED REPORTERS' QUESTIONS ABOUT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVT'S CALL AND ALTAMIRANO'S HARDLINE SPEECH (REF C) AS SIMPLY "QUESTION OF LANGUAGE." HE ALSO STATED THAT GOVT WILL EXPLORE CASE BY

CASE "80 OR 90 FACTORIES" STILL HELD BY WORKERS IN WAKE OF JUNE 29 EVENTS. BRIONES REFERRED TO SITUATION OF UNIV OF CHILE'S NEW CHANNEL 6 AS POINT TO BE DISCUSSED IN PROPOSED DIALOGUE, AND THUS IMPLICITLY UNDERLINED FACT THAT GOVE HAS NOT CHOSEN AS YET TO CLOSE STATION DOWN FORCIBLY AS IT DID ONCE BEFORE (SEPTTEL).

6. GOVT SENT TO CONGRESS JULY 17 NEW LEGISLATION PROPOSING BONUS FOR MILITARY. CHAMBER HAS DUBBED BILL ONE OF EXTREME URGENCY AND THEREFORE MUST VOTE ON IT WITHIN 48 HOURS. IT WILL THEN BE SENT TO SENATE WHERE IT WILL MOST PROBABLY RECEIVE SIMILAR FAVORABLE AND EXPEDITIOUS TREATMENT. TO MAKE THINGS UNANIMOUS, GEN PRATS RELEASED THROUGH SPOKESMAN JULY 17 WORD THAT HE, LIKE GEN RUIZ AND ADM. MONTERO, HAD NOT SEEN PREVIOUS GOVT DECLARATION CONCERNING MILITARY BONUS THT CARRIED HIS NAME (REF A).

7. CARABINERO GEN JORGE URRUTIA QUINTANA NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THAT ORGANIZATION (UNIFORMED POLICE) TO REPLACE GEN RAMON VIVEROS WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED (REF D).
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